

SECTION 2.16
PERVIOUS STRUCTURE BACKFILL

2.16.01--Description: Pervious structure backfill shall include the furnishing, placing, and compaction of pervious material adjacent to structures.

2.16.02--Materials: Pervious structure backfill shall conform to the requirements of Article M.02.05.

2.16.03--Construction Methods: Pervious structure backfill shall be placed adjacent to abutments, retaining walls, box culverts, and elsewhere as called for. It shall be placed above a plane extending on a 2 to 1 slope from the upper edge of the footing to the top of the embankment, or as shown on the plans. Where the face of undisturbed material is above or beneath this slope plane, the amount of pervious structure backfill shall be decreased or increased accordingly, if ordered by the Engineer.

In filling behind abutments, retaining walls, box culverts, or other structures, the fill is placed against undisturbed material, or against compacted embankments having a length in a direction at right angles to the abutment wall or culvert not less than twice the height of the structure against which the fill is placed. The slope of the embankment on which the pervious structure backfill is to be placed shall be plowed deeply or cut into steps before and during the placing of pervious structure backfill so both types of material will be thoroughly bonded and compacted.

Each layer of pervious structure of backfill shall be spread to a thickness not exceeding 150 mm in depth after compaction and shall be thoroughly compacted as directed by the engineer by the use of power rollers or other motorized vehicular equipment, by tamping with mechanical rammers or vibrators, or by pneumatic tampers. Any equipment not principally manufactured for compaction purposes and equipment which is not in proper working order in all respects shall not be used within the area described above.

Special attention shall be given to compaction in places close to walls where motorized vehicular equipment cannot reach. Within 1 m of the back face of walls and within a greater distance at angle points of walls, each layer of pervious structure backfill shall be compacted by mechanical rammers, vibrators, or pneumatic tampers.

The dry density of each layer of pervious structure backfill formed from broken or crushed stone, broken or crushed gravel or reclaimed miscellaneous aggregate free of bituminous concrete shall have a dry density after compaction that is no less than 100 percent of the dry density for that material when tested in accordance with AASHTO T180, Method D. If a layer formed from reclaimed miscellaneous aggregate containing bituminous concrete is placed as pervious structure backfill, the wet density of this layer after compaction shall not be less than 100 percent of the wet density for that material when tested in accordance with AASHTO T180, Method D.

In this test, material retained on the 19 mm sieve shall be replaced with material retained on the 4.75 mm sieve, as noted as an option in the specifications for this test.

Each layer of the pervious structure backfill shall be compacted at optimum moisture content. No subsequent layer shall be placed until the specified compaction is obtained for the previous layer.

Where weep holes are installed, bagged stone shall be placed around the inlet end of each weep hole, to prevent movement of the pervious material into the weep hole.

2.16.04--Method of Measurement: Payment lines for pervious structure backfill shall coincide with the limits of the compacted pervious structure backfill as actually placed and ordered by the Engineer.

2.16.05--Basis of Payment: Pervious structure backfill will be paid for the contract unit price per cubic meter for "Pervious Structure Backfill," complete in place.

Pay Item
Pervious Structure Backfill

Pay Unit
m³